

Iowa Commission on Latino Affairs 2010 Nomination Form

Many individuals have made significant contributions to improve the quality of life of the Latino community either at the local, regional, or state level. To help recognize these leaders and the contributions made to and by Latinos in the state of Iowa, the Iowa Commission on Latino Affairs would like to present two awards at the 12th Annual Strengthening and Valuing Latina/o Communities in Iowa Conference (aka the Iowa Latino Conference) on October 16, 2010: the Robert D. Ray Iowa Latino Ambassador Award and the Mary Campos Award.

The **Robert D. Ray Iowa Latino Ambassador Award** was created in 2004 to identify an **individual** 18 years of age or older who has made significant contributions above and beyond their job descriptions in work or volunteer efforts to improve the quality of life of the Latino community.

The **Mary Campos Award** was created in 2006 by the Iowa Commission on Latino Affairs to identify a private or non-profit **organization** that has made significant contributions through internal changes or outreach efforts to serve the Latino community above and beyond what is considered the norm to improve the quality of life of the Iowa Latino community. The first Mary Campos Award was presented to recognize all those who participated in the May 1, 2006 event, which saw an outpouring of immigrants into the light of day across our country.

The contributions made by a nominee for the Robert D. Ray Iowa Latino Ambassador Award and the Mary Campos Award must be either at the local, regional, or state level for a duration of at least seven years if related to their work or at least five years if the work has been done outside the job description, in one of the following areas: education (Head Start to higher learning), health care, legislative or systemic change(s) having a positive effect in the lives of Latinos (including Latino immigrants, civic participation, citizenship, etc.), Latino cultural retention/promotion, neighborhood improvement, community organizing, youth development and youth leadership, empowerment of women, Latino immigrant integration, and economic development.

Selection Process:

The Iowa Commission on Latino Affairs will approve the selection of a five-member committee composed of two commissioners, two Iowa Latino Conference planning committee members, and the Office of Latino Affairs Executive Officer. Awards will be presented on October 16, 2010 at the [Iowa Latino Conference](#) held in Iowa City on October 15-16, 2010.

Nomination Form:

To nominate an outstanding Iowan who has improved the lives of the Latino community for either of the two awards, please fill out the nomination form. All entries must be typed and submitted electronically by Friday, August 20, 2010. Any person or group may submit a nomination.

Incomplete forms cannot be considered. Complete contact information including at least an address and telephone number (indicating whether it is home or work) is required for both the nominee and the nominator. An email for nominees and for all nominators is also preferred for ease in contacting parties.

Please note that no materials can be returned to the nominator, so do not submit any irreplaceable documents. If your candidate is chosen as an awardee, be aware that a portrait photo will be requested of the awardees at the time of selection to be placed on the website.

Nomination Criteria:

The individual and organization recognized by the Iowa Commission on Latino Affairs should have made significant contributions to improve the quality of life for the Latino community for at least seven years if related to their work *or* at least five years if the work has been done outside the job description. When choosing someone to recognize, consider the following questions:

- How the **contributions made by the nominee have impacted the Latino community.**
- How the **nominee has elevated the status of Latinos in Iowa.**
- How the **nominee has inspired others to become more involved in working towards the empowerment of the Latino community.**

Tips for completing the nomination form:

Make your answers as specific as possible. Quality is more important than quantity. Nominations that are not self-submitted by the nominee or staff/employees of an organization carry more weight.

Whatever the nominee's field is, make sure to differentiate the nominee from all the other practitioners of that field. For example, if the nominee is an advocate, how have their contributions differ from those of every other advocate today? What makes the nominee stand out from the rest? What impact has the nominee had on the Latino community?

Questions:

If you have any questions, contact Melissa Esquivel, Executive Officer of Latino Affairs at (515)281-4080 or melissa.esquivel@iowa.gov.

**2010 Iowa Commission on Latino Affairs
Nomination Form**

Nominee Information

Name of nominee:

(Indicate full name of nominee or organization.)

Address of nominee:

Phone numbers: (Home)

(Office)

Email:

Birthplace:

Years nominee has resided in Iowa or been established:

Award for Nomination: ____ Robert D. Ray Iowa Latino Ambassador Award

____ Mary Campos Award

Area of Contributions Made (Ex: Education, Health Care, etc.): _____

Nominator Information

Name of person(s)/organization submitting nomination:

Address of nominator:

Phone numbers: (Home)

(Office)

Email:

Include the following:

1. Summary Statement

Provide a summary statement (twenty-five words or less) about the nominee's outstanding accomplishments and contributions.

2. Biographical Sketch

Please attach a brief biography (limited to one page) of the nominee that includes major achievements, contributions to the Latino community, and their connection to Iowa. This can include a resume.

3. Description of Qualifications

In a narrative summary of not more than five double-spaced, 12-point typed pages, please identify and expand upon the nominee's achievements and contributions. In your own words, state what the nominee accomplished to improve the life of the Latino community. Among the topics the narrative statement should address are:

- How the **contributions made by the nominee have impacted the Latino community.**
- How the **nominee has elevated the status of Latinos in Iowa.**
- How the **nominee has inspired others to become more involved in working towards the empowerment of the Latino community.**

4. Letters of Support

The nomination committee will accept up to three letters of support, with a length no more than 2 pages each. These letters should be recommendations from people/organizations directly and positively impacted by the contributions made to the Latino community of your nominee. (All support letters should include a return address and can be written in English and/or Spanish.)

5. Supportive materials that would justify consideration

This could include, but is not limited to, pertinent newspaper, newsletters and magazine articles, video clips, etc, illustrating the contributions made by the nominee. Please include only essential supporting documents that communicate the nominee's accomplishments as concisely and directly as possible. These items must also be submitted electronically.

Be aware that no materials will be returned to nominator, so please do not submit irreplaceable originals of any document. Keep a copy for your records.

DEADLINE: Friday, August 20, 2010

No late or incomplete nominations will be accepted.

NOMINATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm that to the best of my knowledge my nominee is/was a person/organization of great integrity and has/had made those positive contributions improving the quality of life of the Latino community.

Nominator's Signature

Date

The original nomination packet (this form and all of the above materials) should be electronically submitted to melissa.esquivel@iowa.gov. If you need assistance, please contact Melissa Esquivel, Executive Officer of Latino Affairs at (515) 281-4080.